

We were sorry to hear that, notwithstanding the "cold water principles" of the dinner given to the leading men, a considerable amount of drunkenness prevailed at Kentville and at Wolfville on the Exhibition days.

ERRATUM.—In our last issue, 1st page, under "Dalhousie College," instead of "the House of Assembly granted £300 towards the erection of the building," read £3000, &c.

The Witness of Saturday last states: "We are happy now to be able to announce that Dalhousie College will, in all probability, be opened on the first week in November," &c. The italics are ours. It is curious that no other paper gives any information concerning the Dalhousie scheme. Not another paper, we believe, in the province has ventured to say a word in its favor. The Witness seems to have charge of the institution, Governors and all. The editor takes upon himself to pronounce upon the qualifications of the "six" Professors and "a Tutor," even before one of them is publicly named.

We know not what the probabilities are of our contemporary being correct in his announcement, but, from the strong objections in the minds of some of the most influential men in the Presbyterian body, and the hostility of all the other religious bodies to such a course, we should think there existed but little "probability" of Dalhousie College being opened at all,—much less on the first week in November. Time will prove.

Should the Presbyterians persist in carrying out the project of some of their fast men, in this matter, they may succeed in securing a gain, but the result of that gain, we are persuaded, will ultimately be a greater loss to them. Would it not be safer for them to say the first week in November, 1864?

Provincial Directory.

We are shortly to have a Directory of the whole Province of Nova Scotia. It is being prepared by Mr. Thomas Hutcheon, of St. John, N. B., formerly of Canada. We have seen a copy of the St. John Directory got out by this gentleman, and if that may be considered as a fair specimen of what is to be done for our province generally, we doubt not it will be a great convenience and will be extensively patronized through the country. Mr. H. appears to have had considerable experience in this work—having a Directory for the city of Washington now on hand. Quite a number of Agents are employed by him, who are now in Prince Edward Island preparing a Directory of the whole of that Island. These are shortly to be put in operation in Nova Scotia, where we hope every facility will be afforded them by the people generally, so as to make the Directory as perfect as possible.

Free Christian Baptist Conference at Beaver River.

We learn from the Religious Intelligencer of Oct. 2nd, that the Free Christian (formerly called Free-Will) Baptist body in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, held their annual Conference at Beaver River, Yarmouth County, on the 23rd ult. Quarterly meetings of the denomination are held, but the business done at them must be confirmed by the Annual Conference before it becomes valid. There are 21 churches belonging to the body in this province, comprising a membership of 1980 persons. Sixteen of the churches are supplied with ministerial labor, as follows:

- Elder Noble labors with 5 churches.
Elder Knowles with 3 "
Elder Sullivan with 3 "
Elder Weston with 3 "
Elder Stokes with 1 church, and
Elder Swin with 1 "

These names, together with two or three ministers, who, from age and ill health, do not labor constantly, comprise the ministers of the body.

The additions to the churches during the year were 119. The next Annual meeting is to be held at Barrington.

The editor in remarking on Yarmouth town, informs his readers that "No Free Baptist Church exists here!" and calls upon "the friends to our cause to 'arise and build' a good place of worship"; remarking that "it is much needed." We heartily join in his closing prayer, "May Yarmouth become as distinguished for piety and zeal for God as it is for its noble ships and commercial enterprise."

The business sessions were conducted with much order and harmony throughout. An invitation having been kindly extended by Rev. Mr. Cogswell and his people to occupy the Baptist Church during the Sabbath, appointments were made for the morning and evening and there was preaching by ministers of this body.

"Strong suspicion" seems now to haunt the mind of our neighbour of the Presbyterian Witness. He appears dissatisfied with his position concerning the Visible Church. We are not surprised at this, seeing that he has placed himself in so humiliating an attitude before his readers. He now endeavours to turn their attention away by reiterating a question as to what we believe. He thinks probably that by its repetition he may succeed in making some of them think that we have actually said what he evidently wishes we had.

His answers to our catechising have hitherto been so inconsistent, that we will give him another chance of defining his position on this subject, and so of rectifying his former blunders.

The following questions may be of service to him. If he would find answers to them they might instruct himself as well as his readers:

- 1. By what means does a person become a member of the Visible Church?
2. Are all the members of the Visible Church entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper?
3. Do Pedobaptist parents partake of this ordinance for their children, as well as "receive baptism" for them, as he says they do?
4. When did he last witness the observance of the rite of "a parent receiving baptism for his child."

We regret to see that Halifax is to have a day of horse-racing. Although it is professedly to be under the direction of gentlemen connected with the Garrison, and the raucous are, we believe, to be all by horses nominated by officers of the Army and Navy, yet it will be an initiation to others participating in similar contests, and be productive of much evil. We have been surprised that our contemporaries—representatives of other religious denominations—have not spoken in condemnation of this source of so much vice and demoralization. They may do so yet, but it is now too late to prevent their taking place.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The Annual Session of the Grand Division will commence on Tuesday next, the 20th inst., at 8 o'clock, P. M., at the Division Room, Temperance Hall, in this city.

The Abstainer.—The Government have decided that it was not the intention of the Legislature to tax the Abstainer with postage, while other newspapers are allowed to go free. It will consequently, we presume, be continued as heretofore—semi-monthly.

The article on our first page from the pen of Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown, will well repay for a careful perusal. Bible readers generally will find it a key for the opening of many an apparently dark passage in the Divine Word.

News Summary.

This latest intelligence from Europe would seem to make it pretty certain that the Austrian Archduke Maximilian has actually accepted the crown of Mexico. We think it very probable, for had he been disinclined to accept it, he would not have left it so long in doubt. A Pamphlet has just appeared in Paris, from the pen of M. Chevallier, a writer on political economy of some eminence, and who was principally concerned on the part of France, in bringing about the late celebrated commercial treaty between that country and England, on the subject of the French occupation of Mexico. The direct object of the publication is to prove that it is highly expedient for the future peace and welfare, not only of the American Continent and the world at large, and more especially for the future prosperity of the commerce of France, that Mexico should possess a strong, stable and independent government. As an inevitable consequence of such a consummation of late events in Mexico under the power and patronage of France, he considers the recognition of the Southern Confederacy by the latter Government as a matter of course. Unless such a balance of power on this side the Atlantic should be effected by the establishment of the Confederacy, M. Chevallier appears to think the aggressive and dictatorial propensities of the U. S., as hitherto existing, would entail on the world the continual danger of ruptures and collisions with other nations; whereas circumscribed within lesser bounds, and from the moral restraints and political influences of surrounding Powers, the ambitious Republic would be compelled to act with more circumspection and more deference to the interests of her neighbours.

The little Pamphlet in question has created quite a sensation in Europe, and the more so because it is supposed, and with much show of reason, that it has received the sanction of the French Emperor before its publication.

Indeed with the strict censorship that is exercised over the press in France, it is most improbable that a work advocating a measure of such vast political importance as the recognition of the Southern Confederacy, could have made its appearance without the approval of Louis Napoleon. A short time, however, will no doubt decide whether the publication has all the significance it would seem to possess.

The news from the South during the week is not of much importance. As far as can be judged from the obscure and contradictory accounts, Rosecrans' Army is not yet out of danger of being overpowered by Bragg. Affairs at Charleston are the same,—its eventual capture a question of time and uncertainty.

Notices, &c.

Minutes of Associations and Conventions.

We forwarded several parcels of Minutes of the Western Association some time since, to the care of brethren in central places—W. Churchill, Esq., Yarmouth, Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Bridgetown, Rev. Dr. Tupper, Aylesford, &c.—and of the Central Association to Geo. V. Rand, at Wolfville.

Last week we received from the Hon. Provincial Secretary, a reply to the joint Memorial of ourselves, the publisher of the Presbyterian Record, and the Provincial Wesleyan, to the Government, to the effect that our denominational periodicals would be allowed to go by mail free. We therefore, on the same day, dispatched the whole of the bundles remaining of Association Minutes, and presume they have been received by the proper parties, before our present number will reach them. If otherwise they will please enquire for them. We have also sent a copy of the Minutes of each Association to every Minister in the Province.

We have also forwarded some parcels of the Convention Minutes, and shall get the remainder off in a day or two.

Scotia Athenaeum.

The first lecture of the regular course before the above society will be delivered by Silas Alward, Esq., A. M., in the Vestry of the Baptist Meeting House, on the evening of Monday, 19th inst., at seven o'clock.

Subject—"THE HISTORY OF THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY." H. C. CREED, Cor. Sec'y.

Wolfville, Oct. 10th.

Tea Meeting at Waverly.

The Ladies of the Baptist Congregation at Waverly, intend having a Tea meeting in the Baptist Meeting house of that place, on Thursday the 22nd inst. Proceeds to go towards finishing the house.

ROBERT R. PHILIP. P. S.—The cause there is in its infancy. A donation towards the above object from any kind friend will be thankfully received. Please forward to Christian Messenger Office. R. R. P.

Foreign Missionary Board.

The Members of the Foreign Missionary Board are respectfully requested to meet in Tremont, Aylesford, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M. Important business requires a full attendance. CHARLES TUPPER, Secretary. Tremont, Oct. 1st, 1863.

Quarterly Meeting P. E. Island.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the Baptist Churches in P. E. Island will be held (D. V.) at Three Rivers, commencing Oct. 16th, at 6 o'clock, P. M. M. P. FREEMAN.

Tea Meeting at Jordan River.

A Tea Meeting will be held (D. V.) in the Baptist Meeting house, at Jordan River, on Wednesday the 21st of October, for the purpose of aiding in the finishing of the building. The doors will be open at 4 o'clock, P. M.

On behalf of the Committee, A. W. BARRS.

Letters Received.

Rev. G. F. Miles, 5th. Rev. I. J. Skinner, 2nd. N. T. Harris, Esq., 5th. 1 sub. Rev. John Shaw, 30th. Rev. S. T. Rand, 6th. N. P. Kemp, 5th. Rev. R. McDonald, 2nd. H. C. Creed, 10th. Rev. R. S. Morton, Rev. Dr. Tupper.

Autumn and Winter Goods.

SAMUEL STRONG & Co.

HAVE received per "Roseath" and steamer "Europa," a portion of their extensive

FALL SUPPLY

DRY GOODS.

Consisting of

Shepherds Plaid, Corduroy, Victoria and Jasmarian SHAWLS.

Cloth, Silk, and Tweed MANTLES,—Latest styles.

Dresses & Dress Materials

In all the Fashionable Styles and Fabrics.

A splendid assortment of MUSLIN GOODS, Flowers, Laces, Edgings, Braids of all description, Hosiery, Gloves, Ladies' and Gents' Neck Ties.

DAMASKS, DIAPERS, HOLLANDS,

SHEETINGS, VICTORIA COBERS,

Cloth, Linen and Diaper Covers in endless variety.

Grey, White, Striped & Fancy Cottons.

Denims, Tickings, Towellings, Gents' Ready-made Clothing, Gents' Fancy Flannel Shirts.

Balance of Stock per Glen Roy, Relief and Steamers.

Samuel Strong & Co.,

Oct 7. 1 w. 150 Granville Street.

195 HOLLIS STREET, OPPOSITE LOWER SIDE OF PROVINCE BUILDING.

EDWARD BILLING

Has pleasure in informing his patrons and the public that he has opened in the new premises, as above. An entirely new and well assorted stock of

DRY GOODS.

In each department will be found the newest and most fashionable goods produced for the Autumn and Winter, but particular attention is invited to the

Shawls, Bonnets, Mantles

.....AND.....

Ladies Dress Materials

Which includes many novelties. In the stock of STAPLES the best makers are represented. FLANNELS, BLANKETS, WHITE and GREY COTTONS will be found of excellent qualities, and at prices which will please the most economical. Oct 7.

Glasgow House, 152 Granville Street.

PER steamer "Pactolus," "Europa," and ship "Roseath" from Great Britain, we have received a portion of our

New Autumn and Winter Stock,

Comprising— 350 pos Plain and Fancy TWEEDS, and DOESKINS, Moscow, Reversible, Fur, Melton, Harrington and Witney Coatings, Beaver Cloths, &c.; Broad Cloths, Mantle Cloths, and Tasmania Cloths.

Shawls, Maltese Sots, Head Dresses, Dress Goods, Flowers and Feathers, Silks, Bonnets and Hats, Crapes, Rich Paisley Shawls, Fancy Flannels, Wines, Skirtings, &c., &c. 10 spindles Scotch Fingering Yarn; in every variety and color.

The balance of our stock expected per Packer, Glenroy, and steamers from Liverpool. VAUX BROTHERS. Oct 7.

NEW GOODS, No. 144 Granville St.,

R. McMurray & Co.

Have received per "Pactolus," "Scotia," "R. M. S. Arabia" and "Europa," a portion of their

AUTUMN STOCK,

SILKS, in Rich Black Glace, all widths, NEW FANCY SILKS, Black and Colored Silk and Patent Velvets.

New Bonnets and Hats, New Flowers and Borders, New Ribbons and Laces, New Collars and Cuffs,

NEW DRESSES,

In the most Fashionable colors and shapes. ALSO.....

Printed Cottons, Whites and Grey Shirtings, 8-4 and 11-4 White and Grey Sheetings, Welsh, Lancashire & Saxony FLANNELS, etc. etc.

Commerce House. Oct 7.

Domestic Dyes.

FORTY Different bright Colors, and War-ranted perfectly Fast. These Dyes embrace all the new and fashionable Colors, in a variety of shades, and cannot fail to give satisfaction if used according to the Directions, which are enclosed in each package. They are prepared with the utmost care, and may be relied on as being uniform, and equal in color to the samples on the sample cards.

LIST OF COLORS: Ashes Roses, Dark Blue, Fawn, Purple, Black, Light Blue, Dark Green, Pearl, Dark Brown, French Blue, Light Green, Pink, Medium, Cherry, Lemon, Salmon, Brown, Corn, Magenta, Scarlet, Light Brown, Crimson, Mauve, Violet, Cinnamon, Dark Drab, Dark Slate, Orange, Brown, Light Drab, Light Slate, Yellow, Royal Purple, Dark Stone, Saffron, Light Stone, Dark Wine, Light do.

And the new French color Quir, or Leather Color, three shades.

The Dyes recommend themselves to any person's use who studies Economy in Time or Expense. They are perfectly simple, and any article may be dyed without the least apprehension of injuring the fabric. There is no necessity of touching the hands to the Dye, and the operation is not at all disagreeable. Goods dyed with them will not Spot, Crease, or Smut. Samples of each color on silk and woolen may be seen at every store where the dyes are sold. The prices have been established with a view to putting them within the reach of everybody. It is

Prepared in boxes of 25 and 15 cents, each. And can be found for sale by all the principal dealers throughout the country.

COGSWELL & FORSYTH,

193 Hollis Street, Halifax, N. S., General Agents for Nova Scotia. Sept. 9.

Bazaar at Sydney C. B.

THE Baptist Congregation at Sydney, C. B., propose holding a Bazaar in the coming Autumn with the hope of realizing funds to finish the Meeting House. They require about \$800 for this purpose. The following ladies have consented to act as a committee, and will be glad to receive contributions from friends.

Mrs. Crawley, Miss McLean, Mrs. N. Dobson, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Baines, Mrs. Hill.

May 20.